



ACTION LINE



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REAL-LIFE "DYNAMIC DUO'S"

Within RSVP there are dozens of "couples." Some are "sister acts." Some are inseparable friends of the "since we were children" type. Some may be "driver/rider." (We've even been told some are of the "odd couple"/Jack Lemmon and Walter Mathau type.) Some may be joint efforts in "brotherly love," but most are the "husband and wife team" variety.

Volunteering with any "partner" adds a special dimension to what you do, how often you do it, and the level of satisfaction you can receive from volunteering. Having someone to talk over the day with (just as in the "work-a-day" world) is important for our feelings of accomplishment, self-worth, and "belonging."

RSVP has tracked down over 70 "couples" within its files (or through personal knowledge) who are currently expanding the affection they feel for one another to include a helping hand to the community.

Logically, most of these folks are attached to the DHS Senior Nutrition Program, in some manner. Many are mobile meal drivers and deliverers -- "pick-up artists." They provide CRITICAL care to other seniors who are struggling to remain self-sufficient in their own homes or apartments. The other concentration of teams serve and clean up after the congregate meals at senior centers all around the county.

Other couples are working in school or tutoring situations, at hospitals, in a soup kitchen, for the American Red Cross, or at clothing outlets for the disadvantaged. Some are on Councils. Some volunteer for the Salvation Army. Some can be found at the Kentucky Center for the Arts. Even museums, nursing homes,



and bulk mailings receive the attentive care of our RSVP "couples."

And while we'd love to be able to track the service of all of the various types of "couples," we really only have access to matching up the husband/wife teams with any (hopeful) degree of accuracy.

For 1993, our current tally of donated hours for husband and wife duo's stands at 27,388. This is a very impressive number for less than 150 people

In tribute to this special form of family outreach, below is our 1993 listing of ACTIVE husband/wife teams. So, here goes . . .

Thelma and Archie Adams
Rosemary and Bill Barth
Ella and Bernie Bartsch
Jane and Herman Bickel
Isabel and Bill Blake
Mina and Herbert Blick
Lavern and Horace Boens
Pat and Earl Brady
Rose and Thomas Breunig
Mary C. and Gordon Brown
Pauline and William Brown
Dorothy and Bruce Bryan
Rita and Ron Coomes
LaVerne and Leon Childers
Emmy Kate and Simon David
John and Betty Feldman
Mary Agnes and George Fleitz
Laverne and Paul Fulner
Nell and Norton Gatz
Juanita and George Hans
Karl and Doris Harbison
Forrest and Louise Heeren

WELCOME JACKIE!!



RSVP is happy to announce the addition of Jackie Farrow as our new Field Specialist.

Jackie is a U of L graduate, with degrees in Psychology and Office Administration. In addition, she has computer, accounting and customer service skills previously gained while employed at L G & E Energy Corp., Jefferson County Public Schools, and Brown and Williamson Tobacco Company.

With a husband, very energetic two-year-old son, and strong ties to her church; Jackie is another active, working mom.

Please take every opportunity to get to know Jackie as she makes the rounds of meetings, orientations, etc. at your stations in the upcoming months.

"Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles, and kindnesses, and small obligations (given habitually) are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort."

*Humphrey Davy
(1778-1829)*

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Media Stereotypes the Illiterate

A heart-wrenching commercial just finished. It was just one of many such pieces designed to shock and give the viewer a feeling that someone has failed -- miserably! OR, that illiteracy is some kind of a disease which can (or will) pass unchecked from one generation to another.

The national media's public service campaign to recruit literacy volunteers has just shown a "typical" illiterate face.

Around the country, hands-on organizations, tutors and students know better.

Showing the adult illiterate of our nation as terminally confused, as "lost souls" (unable to read the Bible), or in graphics showing holes in heads where faces should be; is under heavy criticism from thousands of creative, working, successfully family-raising adults. Some of whom cannot read well -- just yet!

Opponents of current national media tactics, point to this type of negativity as a contributing factor in reaching both prospective students and tutors. Stereotypical images are neither accurate nor helpful to adults who are already feeling sad, secretive, or threatened.

In contrast, tutors in progressive areas are being offered training to assist students in tailoring their educational

curriculums to more correctly match current "life skills" and personal goals of accomplishment -- whether in business settings, for self-sufficiency, or on a purely personal satisfaction level.

Don't believe the "hype!" Assuming an illiterate person is unable to tell a can of tuna from a can of cat food, in a supermarket, is considered a fictionalized event!

Throughout Jefferson County, RSVP volunteers are helping hundreds of students fight the stereotypical images of being weak or "a failure." Many students are even learning the technology of the future -- computers!

These students and volunteer tutors, whether at a work site, a school, an agency, or in the privacy of a home; are committed to making illiteracy less of a "drama" and more of a reason to help someone in this ONE area of his/her life.

Call RSVP for your opportunity to help at 583-2821.

"The greatest good we can do for others is not just to share our riches with them, but to reveal their own."

Zig Ziglar
(1926 -)

METRO UNITED WAY BEGINS PLANNING FOR A "STRATEGIC" FUTURE

RSVP'S sponsor, Metro United Way, has once again begun assembling the pieces of its puzzle showing its future role and direction.

The last "long-range plan" was instituted in 1987 and was originally designed to guide the subsequent 5-year period. It was considered by many to be a "living" plan which was consistently used for work plans and goal-setting procedures within Metro United Way -- and for the overall community's "capacity to care."

Evaluated at its mid-point, it will again be evaluated for its successes and areas needing continued attention or inclusion in the new "strategic" plan's initiatives.



**Metro
United Way**

It brings out the best in all of us.

As the 5-year leader in overall campaign growth among the 60 largest United Way organizations nation-wide, Metro United Way looks to build on this successful record of fundraising.

Volunteers, staff and agencies' current service beneficiaries will be involved in developing the goals and strategies used to define and meet the growing human needs in MUW's seven-county service area.

Volunteers who wish to have input to -- or serve on the Committee(s) addressing this project, can call the Metro United Way offices at 583-2821.

More Than Just a "Facelift"



When the doors opened again for the Crescent Hill Library, an RSVP station, the neighborhood breathed a sigh of delight and relief.

After a hard-won battle for authorization and fund-raising, the renovated center is able to boast of new accessibility for the handicapped, improved materials' selections, and a rejuvenated following of all ages.

Two RSVP volunteers, Margaret Jones and Elizabeth Moore, help out at the library on a regular basis.

Throughout the year, schools arrange field trips for children to acquaint them with alternative library programs -- and the skills necessary to be able to find and enjoy the more traditional reference and reading opportunities. In addition, their summer reading/enrichment program encourages youngsters to continue good reading habits during school's summer recess.

So, if you're in the neighborhood; check out the "new and improved" Crescent Hill Library. (The Bon Air Library, another RSVP site, was also completely renovated in 1992!)

Would you like to help another senior have the comfort and enjoyment of the library's materials? Homebound seniors need monthly book pick-up and delivery persons. For more information on volunteering call the RSVP office at 583-2821.

RESOURCEFUL READING

The Kentuckiana Literacy Council is just about ready to release publication on their new literacy directory.

The booklet will list the agencies, programs and focus of the many literacy improvement efforts being offered in the region.

Some RSVP volunteers are heavily involved in the efforts supported by the Council, including the St. Augustine Center.

We congratulate the group for a job well done!

DYNAMIC DUO'S
(Cont. from front page)

Shirley and Donald Hemmelgarn
Elizabeth and Phillip Hickey
Marie and George Hiemer
Leona and George Holland
Judy and Jimmie Hooper
Laura and Ellis Jackson
Margaret and Leo Jewell
Louise and Scott Joles
Ingethant and Ulrich Kaulitz
Edna and Les Keeling
Sally and John Kielty
Mary Catherine and John Klein
Helen and E. F. Knauer
Martha and Fred Kopatz
Martha and Douglas Krull
Vivian and Walter Kupchik
Mary and Mark Lesshaft
Cathy and J.C. Levy
Sunny and Bob Long
Gloria and Silas Marlow
Essie and George Martin
Hilda and Leroy Meyer
Caroline and Harold Miller
Ina and William Morris
Irene and John Mueller
Gwendolyn and Cleveland Parkins
Hazel and Estill Parman
Agnes and Edward Pippin
Nan and Bill Raymer
Bettye and Norman Risley
Ruby and Jack Rodes
Mary Louise and William Schindler
Helen and Bernie Schoenbachler
LaVerne and Bill Shawler
Mary Ann and John Shearrow
Ruby and Leonard Shull
Peggy and Paul Soeder
Martha and Bill Tabb
Rebecca and Joseph Wathen
Betty and Charles Watson
Betty and Fred Weber
LaVerne and Ken Wilding
Betty and Robert Worth
Jerry and Frank Zinser

(Unfortunately, Merle Hardin and Myrtle Bush have since lost their spouses. We offer our sympathies.)

So, as we ponder what spring's energy will inspire volunteers to do; let's congratulate ALL our "couples" (of ALL types).

**DIAMOND
BRIGHT!!**

RSVP station, Sts. Simon and Jude Clothing Store, has recently been awarded the prestigious "Diamond Award," sponsored by PNC Bank's Club 55.

Answering needs on a shoestring budget (a common trait for many of RSVP's sites/stations), Sr. Ann Carol Mann, Manager, and RSVP volunteers Ruth Ezell, Iona Rhodes, Peggy and Paul Soeder, and Ruby Wheeler manage to feed the hungry, clothe the disadvantaged and offer comfort and hope to all ages.

RSVP is very proud of their accomplishments and their dedication to the community. (And we're sure the cash honorarium won't go to waste, either!) Congratulations!!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!

**NO,
WE DIDN'T
FORGET YOU!!**



As the RSVP staff have visited the stations/sites lately, we have been asked "when" and "are we still going to have that wonderful luncheon?!"

YES, YES, YES!! We are looking forward to it, too. However, we are going to have to look a little further down on the year's calendar.

Unavoidable booking conflicts for a room large enough to hold us (at a price we can afford) will most likely push our event to **Saturday, July 23rd.**

SO, STAY TUNED!

"There is a destiny which makes us
brothers,
none goes his way alone;
all that we send into the life of others,
comes back into our own."

Edwin Markham
(1852 - 1940)

**COUNCIL
CORNER**

March 17, 1994

1st Quarter's Meeting Highlights

The RSVP Advisory Council directed its main attention to needed changes in the RSVP Council by-laws and to a restructuring of the Council sub-committees.

Under the proposed new structure, the standing sub-committees will consist of **Program Support, Public Relations, Evaluation, Nominating and Recognition.** This reduction in the number of committees (from nine to six) allows for increased membership on each committee, more efficient usage of Council members' time, and a more comprehensive approach to recruitment, publicity and the development of annual work plans. Approval for these changes is due at next full Advisory Council Meeting, scheduled for June 16th.

Sarah Richie, RSVP Director, reported for Debbe Sublett, Recognition Committee Chairperson, on the progress being made in planning the annual Recognition luncheon. (See "special announcement" at left.)

Evaluation Committee Chairperson, Jean Tichenor, reported that the annual evaluation of the RSVP program, according to grant guidelines, is also in its planning stages.

During this process, RSVP Advisory Council members visit the stations/sites and interview the volunteers and station managers on their relationship with RSVP and their specific volunteer duties.

It was announced that Marian Ziebell and Maureen Draut have, for new career considerations, resigned from the Advisory Council effective immediately. Both hope to return sometime in the future.

Other ordinary business concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

LOCAL CHILDREN LOOKING FOR "GRANDPARENTS!"

Nearly 90 local disadvantaged children have now found the security, comfort and encouragement through the Foster Grandparent Program — a "sister" program to RSVP.

10 hopefuls are still watching and waiting — possibly for you!!

If you are a senior who could provide a stable, on-going relationship with a youngster who has a special need for tutoring, love and attention; please consider the Foster Grandparent Program as a new step in opening your heart and putting your talents to exceptional use.

Daily visitations are 4 hours in length, and take place at a school, a day care center/after-school program, or for the Teenage Pregnancy Program (TAPP) at the Home of the Innocents.

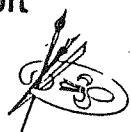
All current 29 locations of service are on bus lines for easy access.

Foster Grandparents receive a tax-free stipend of \$2.45 per hour, with transportation reimbursements and free daily meal at site.

Qualified applicants for an FGP assignment must be at least 60 years of age, with a gross annual income of not more than \$8,715 for a single-person household.

Applications will be taken at the FGP office, within the Community Action Agency Building, located at 1018 South Seventh Street. Current deadline for applications is APRIL 15th. For further details, call 585-1631.

Competitive Exhibit Now Accepting Applications



Once again, the Senior Services Division of the Department of Community Services of Louisville will be holding its annual multi-medium, senior art exhibit.

Artists age 55 and over may enter one or two original pieces in their choice of a variety of styles: fiber art, paintings, metal works, sculptures, carvings and drawings. Size and weight is limited by "what can be carried by one person."

All entry fees have been waived through the generosity of Club 55, PNC Bank.

The post-mark deadline for a photograph or slide submission of the item(s) to be considered by community jurors is April 15th! (Acceptance notices of the actual work will be mailed by April 19th.)

For an application blank or more information, call Cindy Venable or Rachel Storey at 574-3380.

TO OUR MEMBERS, STATION AND SITE MANAGERS:

Many times we are notified, sometimes several months after the fact, of a member's or member's loved one's passing.

"Passing" is probably the best word to describe what most people believe -- that life is a journey with each moment just a tiny step on the way to our ultimate fulfillment.

Unfortunately, while RSVP does not have the resources to send flowers or cards for each of these losses, we SINCERELY wish to convey our heartfelt sympathies to the families, friends and fellow volunteers who will miss the deceased.



SPECIAL NOTE:

Joe Spalding's father passed away on March 17th. Joe, Manager of the DHS Senior Nutrition Program, has served on the RSVP Advisory Council for five years. Please extend your sympathies when appropriate.

A HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR NEW RECRUITS (AND THOSE WHO HAVE RETURNED TO "ACTIVE DUTY!")

Since our last publication, the following people have (re-)joined RSVP. Please extend to them your personal welcome and thanks for becoming involved.

Reinstatements:

Geraldine Bland
Margaret Bruce
Samuel Chatman
Ollie Cole
Mary Curry
Dorothy Harris
Pearlie Seay

New members:

Thurman Adams
Ellen Barrett
G. "Bill" Bauer
J. "Earl" Brady
Joan Buckingham
Maxine Carter
Jenny Forman
Lue Ella Hickerson
Betty Jagers
Shirley Kinney
Rubena Kirby
Bill Ladd
Betty Leonard
Josephine Lomax
Shirley "Dutch" Long
Paul Murray
Marion Radway
Russ Russo
Uldine Skees
Wilma Stucker
M. Clyde Swindler
Beth Thomson
Barbara Weirich

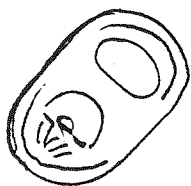


"My grandfather once told men that there are two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit."

He told me to try to be in the first group; there was less competition there."

Indira Gandhi
(1917-1984)

"POP A TOP" FOR CAMP



Want to send a child to camp? Save the pull tabs from those cans!!

Southwest Hospital Auxiliary (and RSVP) members have been busy collecting those little metal pieces to fill milk jugs.

Through the donation of these "minutes" (so named because each tab is said to represent a minute of time for a camper), the Brown Cancer Center is able to offset the costs of sending a child cancer patient to Indian Summer Camp, in Irvine, Kentucky.

And while families are only requested to pay \$5.00, the actual cost per child is approximately \$300!

The camp is a non-profit program sponsored by the Kentucky Cancer Program and has been held since 1982 exclusively for children with leukemia and other forms of cancer. More than 50 children aged 7 to 18 enjoy the Indian Summer Program each year.

The fun-filled week provides young people in challenging medical situations a taste of normalcy, yet fully trained medical staff continue with all necessary treatments. This week also allows the families to have a small respite from the loving responsibilities of caring for these patients.

Any type of aluminum pull tabs -- from soft drink and beer cans, to pull tabs taken from "Beanie Weenie" and "Lunch Buckets" will do.

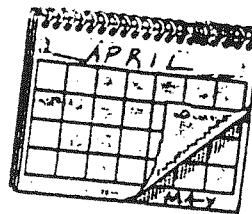
Donations of pull tabs to be used for this year's program can be delivered to the Brown Cancer Center OR directly to Klempner Scrap Metal, on Lexington Road, in Louisville. They will immediately credit the Camp's account with your total. Most groups turn in their donations on a six-month basis, year-round.

RSVP commends the Southwest Hospital volunteers in finding an innovative way to give children their own Indian Summer nights' dream!!

Call the J. Graham Brown Cancer Center at 852-6318 for more details.

Your group can give a child a summer he may never forget -- *or may never have again.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



Many of our RSVP stations/sites are having special events during the next few months. We thought you might like some advance notice!

APRIL

5th

PRP Intergenerational Third Annual Senior Tech Fair:

Come learn how to operate the VCR, automatic teller machines, computers, and more! Entertainment and info booths! Lunch reservations through your local DHS Nutrition site. Call Steve Ilnick at 473-8354 for details.

20th
22nd

NATIONAL RSVP DAY !!! Give yourself a pat on the back!
Metro United Way 's Annual Meeting and Allen Society Leadership Awards Presentations: New Board of Directors members installed, star-studded news panel (reporters from WAVE-TV, WHAS, and WLKY) report on 1993 accomplishments and annual volunteer awards presented.

MAY

4th

ElderServe's Annual Senior Derby Dance:

VERY popular event!! Official Festival event with music and dancing, refreshments, Thoroughbred Volunteer Award, Derby Hat Contest and more!! Reservations required, \$5 per person at Commonwealth Convention Center Box Office or call Donna Schuster at 587-8673.

Little Loom House's Annual Spring Open House and Exhibition:
Demonstrations of weaving, spinning and weaving.

11-14th

Louisville Zoo's Annual Herb Festival and Zoo Run:

Learn about and purchase herbs for your kitchen/home and garden. Or, enjoy an early morning encounter in fitness "on the run."

28-30th

Louisville Zoo's Birthday Party:

Come celebrate with the animals, costumed characters, and volunteers! And what's a birthday party without cake? Come and get your slice!

JUNE

7th &
21st

KAHA Spring Senior Housing Tours:

Enjoy free bus tours of local housing facilities for seniors, ranging from self-sufficient apartments to fully-assisted living quarters. Reservations are REQUIRED and lunch is provided.

21st

American Red Cross Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition:

Come join in celebrating another year of meeting "community" needs - even in disaster situations far from Louisville!

We realize that April is traditionally "Volunteer Month." Enjoy it through service!

At any time during the year, if your station/site is having a special event, volunteer recognition, an awards program, etc.; please notify the RSVP office at 583-2821, ext. 266 so we can attend and/or publicize it for you.

SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS!!

"Money and time are the heaviest burdens of life and the unhappiest of all mortals are those who have more of either of these than they know how to use."

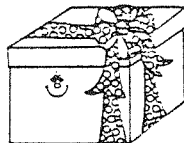
Samuel Johnson
(1709-1784)

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

Fredda Alexander
 Fannie Allen
 James Allen
 Mary Anderson
 Mollie Anderson
 Beatrice Baker
 Richard Barker
 Rosemary Barth
 Constance Bergen
 Steve Borders
 Emma Brecker
 Mary Coleman Brown
 Virginia T. Brown
 Ginny Brown
 Willis Bryant
 Myrtle Bush
 Beulah Campbell
 Margaret Carroll
 Leon Childers
 Monique Churchman
 Mary Ellen Clements
 Marie Coll
 Edward Denzer
 Louise Deutsch
 Hedwig Diehl
 Carmen Dollar
 Elizabeth Dorsey
 Bette Eilert
 Amelia Ernst
 Barbara Evans
 Mary Farrier
 Nell Gatz
 Rosamond Gibson
 Catherine Gilliam
 Edith Griffey
 Lydia Haas
 Niles Hadden
 Charles Hagmann
 Lovie Hancock
 Clarence Hash
 Martha Henkel
 Nancy Hilpp
 Leona Holland
 Dora Jones
 Walter Key
 E. F. Knauer
 Fred Kopatz, Jr.
 Agnes Laws
 Louise Leachman

Alice Lewis
 Lucy Lichtsteiner
 Helen Love
 C. Russell Loy
 Marie Lubbers
 Emma Lydon
 Isabel McCormick
 Oralee Meador
 Elise Miller
 Zilpah Miller
 Edwin Palmer
 Hazel Parman
 Nadine Paynter
 Irene Phillips
 Irene Poston
 Sallie Powell
 James Richard
 Russel Russo
 Bess Saunders
 Joseph Schaefer
 Stella Selter
 Betty Short
 Doris Singleton
 Everlean Smith
 Louis Smith
 Peggy Soeder
 Betty Stone
 Evelyn Timmons
 Maxine Weinberger
 Rosemary Whalen
 Mary K. Wigginton
 LaVerne Wilding
 Arnola Wilson
 Verna Wright
 Helen Yurt
 Frank Zinser



MAY

Annette Abrams
 Allen Alexander
 Leontine Anderson
 Mabel Aniton
 Audrey Armstrong
 Harriet Asman
 Edna Bailey
 Bill Barth
 Yvonne Bass
 Betty Blair
 William Blake

Velma Booth
 Maxima Burchell
 Jannie Cage
 Mary Carpini
 Maxine Carter
 Bob Casey
 Pauline Coakley
 Tessie Cook
 Henry Culver
 Mary Daly
 Ninna Dudley
 Louise Elder
 Ruth Flener
 Paul Fulner
 Lucille Gordon
 Mae Gresham
 Merle Grove
 Annetta Hamilton
 Lorraine Harrod
 Shirley Hemmelgarn
 Carl Hokenson
 Pearlina Ingram
 Norman Jones
 Corinne Kern
 John Kieilty
 Doris King
 Edna Koebel
 Vivian Kupchik
 Izetta Mahoney
 Priscilla Matz
 Mary McGraw
 Carl Metz
 Julia Nannie
 Thelma Nichols
 Eleanor Norrington
 Allen O'Bryan
 Emily Overberg
 Edward Pippin, Sr.
 Roberta Profumo
 William Raymer
 Robley Rex
 Iona Rhodes
 Howard Richburg
 Jessie Robertson
 Jack Rodes
 John Ronayne
 Suzanne Sastre
 Mary Sauer
 Dot Scheurich
 William Schindler
 Bernie Schoenbachler
 Juanita Skinner

E. Geraldine Smith
 Roberta Speed
 Irvin Strauss
 Doris Underwood
 Margaret Wilhelmus
 Dorothy Wilson
 Marge Worland
 Pat Worley
 Robert Worth
 Marilyn Wortham
 Justina Zinious

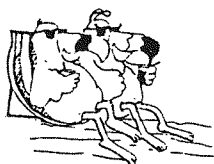
JUNE

Archie Anthony
 Dewey Bailey
 Thelma Ballard
 Edwina Beeler
 Nora Bell
 Isabel Blake
 Virginia Bowles
 Sr. Charlesine Bowling
 LaVerne Breunig
 Margaret Bruce
 Martha Burkart
 Arthur Busch
 Dora Carter
 Fannie Cassilly
 Edith Cecil
 Elsie Clemons
 Lawrence Coleman
 Edward Connors
 Carolyn Cummins
 Margaret Danner
 James Dettlinger
 Bessie Devore
 Arthur Dillard
 Dorothy Drury
 Catherine Duncan
 Juanita Elkins
 Mary Ellen Flanagan
 Douglas Fowler
 Gladys Gast
 Arthur Gohmann
 Marie Griffith
 Charles Harbin, Sr.
 Pauline Hemingway
 Mary Herns
 Mary Rita Hettich
 Laura Heverin
 Jesse Hilton
 Betty Hinton
 William Holland
 Doretha Horrell



BIRTHDAYS June (cont.)

Sudie Huff
Anita Hull
Doris Johmann
Laverne Jones
Martha Krull
Elise Langford
Dorothy Lanier
Cathy Levy
Sunny Long
Tony Lucchese
Daisy Mace
Hilda Meyer
Lilla Milam
Peg Miller
Stella Miller
Kathleen Mooser
Ina Morris
Etta Niephaus
Estill Parman
Ray Perkins
Marion Radway
Gilbert Rice
Ann Rose
Helen Schoenbachler
Ibeita Shacklette
Bill Shawler
Mary Ann Shearrow
Gray Smith
Emma Snyder
Jim Stanley
Bruce Steele
Mary J. Stevenson
Piatt Sullivan
Mattie Taylor
Bettie Trowell
Ernest Vest
Rebecca Wathen
Dorothy White
Clara Williams
Alda Young
Jerry Zinser



"SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS"

Over the last few years, the Points of Light awards program has received a great amount of publicity in the national press. It's even had a primetime TV airing because of the location of its final ceremonies -- Disney World.

Spring also brings the opportunity for nominations for the J. C. Penney "Golden Rule" Awards Program.

And, almost at the same moment, the ElderServe Derby Festival "Thoroughbred" Award nomination is due.

These fall under the category of "*special recognitions*" within your member handbook. And throughout the year, RSVP nominates local people or groups to represent our membership in each of these programs -- and many others.

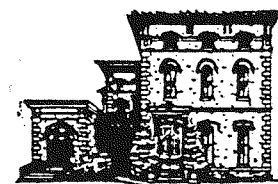
So, in addition to the luncheon we plan on your behalf; these "behind-the-scenes" efforts to promote your image and example are a year-round joy!

The best (or maybe the hardest) part of the "job" is having to decide who to nominate THIS time!! Everyone is a "winner" in our eyes!!

Staff wish to congratulate the few RSVP volunteers who do end up in the newspaper, on TV, at an award banquet, or on the receiving end of a plaque, pin, and (on a rare occasion) personal tribute gift for themselves or the agency they serve.

But most of all, we want everyone to know how much we value all the time and talents you give in service to your community.

HISTORIC HOME NEW RSVP STATION



BRENNAN HOUSE INC.

The Brennan House, located at 631 South Fifth Street, in downtown Louisville, has become a new RSVP station - and needs your help.

As the last Civil War-era Victorian home, following the Brennan family's bequest to the Filson Club, it has also previously housed the Kentucky Opera.

Now a museum, targeting schools and youth groups, public tours are scheduled to begin in April -- after being closed since the mid-1980's.

Built in 1868, highlights of its authentic collections, gathered by the Brennan family of well-educated world-travelers, and inventors, include: the turn-of-the-century medical instruments of Dr. John A. O. Brennan and the original bedroom suite made by the J. W. Davis and Company. This master suite won first prize at the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia.

In addition, two original Tiffany Studio Lamps (one signed) are also on display.

A REMINDER -- FOR LOVE'S SAKE

Thousands of seniors have the quality of their lives improved through the affection, loyalty, and unconditional love of a pet.

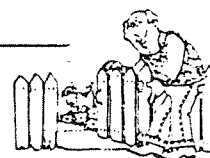
The Kentucky Humane Society, an RSVP station, is in constant need of good homes

The non-profit governing group, Brennan House, Inc., is depending on the generous donations of money from local match grants, private benefactors, tour admissions, and private party rentals of the property to continue the renovations and maintenance.

Executive Director (and ONLY paid staff person), Jill Whitten, says that though the home is structurally sound; plans include cosmetic upgrades, such as paint and carpet, and the opening of a gift shop. The third floor will remain an office rental opportunity.

If being a part of "bringing history to life" interests you, check out their listing of volunteer opportunities in the "Volunteer Express" portion of this newsletter.

For more information, you may also call Jill Whitten at 540-5145 -- but don't forget to tell her you're an RSVP member!!



AND GOOD VOLUNTEERS!!

Please help them save, provide care and assist in finding homes for these "best friends" of the furry type.

Give us a call at 583-2821.



OPPORTUNITY EXPRESS

This is the most recent listing of needs for RSVP volunteers. Please share this with your family and friends, club or church.

MOVIE MAGIC:

The newly renamed Louisville Science Center has openings for Monday or Friday morning volunteers to assist with school groups in the IMAX theatre.

THE BIG SWITCH: Volunteers needed to operate center switchboard during weekday mornings.

PACKRAT TRAINEES: Two locations need volunteers to assist with the inventories, collections' maintenance, and packaging of museum quality pieces. Knowledge of research techniques for antiques a plus! (Brennan)

PROFESSIONAL DOMESTICS: New station needs high quality, weekly housekeeping volunteer(s') help to dust, vacuum, sweep, and maintain historic home's furniture in "show" quality. (Brennan House)

WATCH THEIR STEP!: Volunteers needed to train as tour guides for local museums.

BIRD WATCHERS AND NATURE LOVERS: Local long-term care hospital needs volunteers to accompany mentally disabled residents for relaxing spring, summer and fall walks around the grounds. Share the sweetness of a bird's song or the beauty of a flower!

THE SECRET GARDEN(ERS): Volunteers needed to tend landscaped gardens of Brennan House, at the zoo, and at local shelters.

"SPOONERS:" Local shelter needs volunteers for serving cafeteria-style meals to residents.

CACHE AND CARRY: Volunteers needed for mobile meals' pick-up and deliveries to the homebound. Many areas of county have waiting lists of hungry people!

"WIMPS NEED NOT APPLY": Volunteer help needed to lift heavy molds and batches of materials for local ceramics fund-raising group.

TEACH THEM TO SAY "NO:" Station needs qualified volunteers with health or law enforcement background to assist in children and teen sessions on prevention of alcohol and drug abuse.

LOOKING FOR THE RESOURCEFUL!: Jefferson County Public Schools have several Family Resource Centers needing volunteer help. Opportunities range from child-care assistants, technical or clerical help, and "match" people for special needs children and more!

"LEAD DUCKS": Local agency needs stable, caring volunteers to assist in providing a good example and mentoring services in court referral program for non-violent youth first-time offenders.

"MOM AND POP": Shelby-Waller Elementary needs volunteers to run small in-school "neighborhood" grocery store for students. Sell apples, etc. (not just for the teachers!), keep the books, inventory records, supervise and train eager student workers.

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